

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 18 with the following new paragraph:

It is ~~an object~~ a feature of the invention to provide an image forming apparatus capable of performing charging and exposing operations in a single step without sacrificing image forming performance or functions of the apparatus, yet allowing compact design, energy savings and an improvement in image quality of the apparatus as well as an extended operational life of an image carrying member.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 25 with the following new paragraph:

According to one embodiment of the invention, an image forming apparatus includes an electron generating device which generates electrons when illuminated, the electron generating device being disposed face to face with a surface of an image carrying member across a specific gap between the electron generating device and the surface of the image carrying member, an LED array including as large a number of LED elements as necessary for achieving an intended resolution of image information from which an image is to be formed, the LED array

being disposed face to face with the surface of the image carrying member with the electron generating device placed therebetween, and a driving circuit for activating the LED array according to the image information.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 5 with the following new paragraph:

These and other ~~objects~~, features and advantages of the invention will become more apparent upon reading the following detailed description in conjunction with the accompanying drawings.